Central Government had agreed in 1989 for the setting up of an Institute of Hadloom Technology in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The Institute has not been set up so far. The Governent of Andhra Pradesh has informed that there were some delays in identification and selection of site. Site has now been selected and foundation stone laid by Honourable Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

Central Research Institute for Handloom Industry

265. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what were the amounts earmarked for carrying on research to help promotion of handloom industry during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 and the manner in which they were spent;

(b) what are the results thereof; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to have a separate Central Research Institute to work for development of handloom industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The following amounts were sanctioned to various Institutions to carry out Research and Development work in the Handloom Sector during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

1988-89	12.64
1989-90	7.71
1990-91	5.79

(b) A statement is attached as Annexure (*See* Appendix CLXI, Annexure No 6).

(c) No, Sir.

Migration of Handloom Weavers from Srikakulam District in Andhra Pradesh

266. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of handloom weavers who have migrated from several centres in the districts of Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh in the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 and what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government have received any representation in the matter; and

(c) what arrangements have been made to prevent migration of handloom weavers from Srikakulam district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) About 500 weaver families are reported to have migrated to neighbouring districts from Srikakulam of whom about 260 families are from the cooperative sector. Reasons for migration are to earn more wages available in othe occupations and non-availability of continuous employment in handlooms.

(b) and (c) It has been reported by the Government of Andhra Pradesh that migration of weaver families has occured from villages which are in the area of operation of the dormant and weak societies. Debt relief claims in respect of these societies have been recommended. Additional credit limits have been recommended to the NABARD to enable the Societies to provide continuous employment to the wavers members. APCO has been advised to issue additional production programme and arrange to procure the stocks.